

Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home Summary
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1.) What is the Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home, (MMMH)?

Answer:

The “*Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home*” is where a Medicaid beneficiary gets their medical care on a regular basis. This allows the health care provider and the beneficiary the opportunity to get to know each other better over time.

This type of care reduces the cost of non-emergency health care and saves valuable program dollars.

The continuing increase in Medicaid eligibles and related program costs reflect an urgent need to redirect our program.

The Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home (MMMH) is our initiative to control the cost of our program and insure this Medicaid health care safety net will continue to be available for those who need it now and in the future.

2.) How will the Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home control program costs?

Answer:

By redirecting existing program dollars from a pay-for-service strategy to a wellness strategy we will control DOM’s program costs.

Currently too many of our beneficiaries use the Emergency Rooms/Departments (EMD’s) for almost all of their routine and urgent health care needs. EMD’s are well recognized for providing excellent care in true emergencies and critical situations.

Our goal is to create a “*Healthier Mississippi*.”

3.) How will the *Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home* create a Healthier Mississippi

Answer:

- A.) By making sure only those who are truly qualified for Medicaid receive benefits. This will be happen by face-to-face determinations and redeterminations conducted by Medicaid staff.
- B.) By encouraging all our beneficiaries to sign up for their very low cost medical screening and by working with each beneficiary to establish their *Medical Home*.

The use of a “*Medical Home*,” along with the physical examination will help our beneficiaries concentrate on wellness and disease avoidance.

The physical examination will not be used to determine eligibility for the Medicaid program.

Working together we can Empower Patient-Centered Healthcare and Grow a Healthier Mississippi with our Mississippi Medicaid Medical Home.